



### Swimming

The Park Inn has an indoor and outdoor pool for Inn and cabin guests only. A swim beach is available to the public on Lake Acorn during the summer months. No lifeguards are on duty at the pools or at the swim beach.

### Bike Trails

The Park has over 20 miles of dirt mountain bike trails. Non-motorized mountain bikes are only allowed on the mountain bike trail. Trails vary in difficulty from easy to expert skill levels.

### Gift Shop

The gift shop, open daily year-round is located in the main lobby of the Inn. Some of the items offered are personal hygiene items, candles, cookbooks, T-shirts, caps, walking canes, trail maps, and products and crafts produced in Tennessee.

### Nearby Attractions

- Historic downtown Dickson, TN, 10 miles
- Renaissance Center, Dickson, TN 10 miles

### Other Nearby State Parks

- Harpeth River State Park, 8 miles

### Annual Events

- Americana Folk Festival, 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October.



### Hours of Operation:

The Inn is open 24 hours.

The Park Office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### For Further Information and

### Cabin Reservations, Contact:

Montgomery Bell State Park  
1020 Jackson Hill Rd / Burns, TN 37029

Phone (800) 250-8613

### Or Contact: Tennessee State Parks

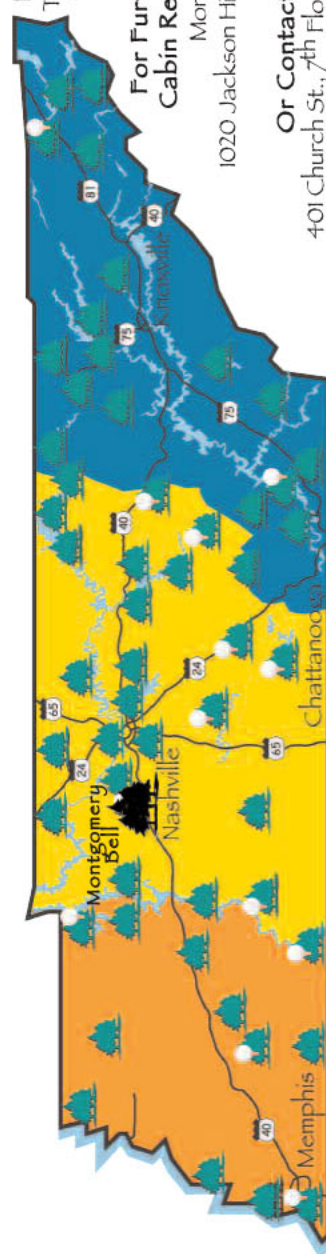
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**From Nashville,** Take I-40 West to Exit 182 (Fairview/Dickson Hwy. 96 Exit). Turn left (West) onto Highway 96. Stay on Highway 96 until it dead-ends at Highway 70. Turn right (East) on Highway 70, off-ramp provided. Stay on Highway 70 approximately 3 miles. Park entrance is on the right.

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# TENNESSEE STATE PARKS MONTGOMERY BELL STATE PARK





### Montgomery Bell State Park

has an abundance of historical, natural and cultural resources for the park visitor to enjoy. The 3,850 acre park offers camping, fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking, mountain biking, swimming, and many other outdoor recreation activities. A 600-acre oak-hickory forest is located inside the park and it provides the best-known example of representative oak-hickory forest ecosystems on the Western Highland Rim in Tennessee.

### Historical significance

Named after the wealthy industrialist who established the first major iron furnace west of the Allegheny Mountains, Montgomery Bell State Park has an abundance of cultural history that includes the Laurel Furnace, one of the state's earliest manufacturing sites. The park is also home of the "birthplace" of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church where dissident Presbyterian ministers met and held the first Synod of the new church. In the early 1930's three new deal agencies under the supervision of the National Park Service assisted in the construction of the park: the Public Works Administration (PWA), Works Progress Administration (WPA), and the Civilian Conservation Corps. The park remained under the National Park Service jurisdiction until 1943, when the original tract of land was deeded to the Tennessee Department of Conservation.

### Inn and Conference Center

The Resort Inn, located on the shore of Lake Acorn, features 120 lake view guest rooms and five suites. Guest amenities include cable TV, indoor year round pool, seasonal outdoor pool, hot tub, exercise room and laundry. Handicapped accessible rooms, as well as, pet-friendly rooms are also offered. Guaranteed check-in is at 4:00 p.m. and checkout is at 11:00 a.m.

### Cabins

The Park offers nine 2-bedroom AA cabins. They are located across a cove from the inn and restaurant. A rustic footbridge connects the areas. All cabins are completely furnished with linens, cooking and eating utensils, cable TV, telephones, gas fireplaces and HVAC. A pet-friendly cabin is also featured. The cabins are available year-round with a two-night minimum.

### Meeting Rooms

With 6,000 square feet of meeting space the Conference Center can accommodate any type of meeting or social gathering. The Conference Center is equipped with audio-visual and public address systems. Standard business items such as overhead, DVD and LCD projectors, microphones and stands, podiums, and Internet connections are available.

### Restaurant

A year-round smoke-free restaurant is located in the Inn. The dining room can seat 180 and has a beautiful view of Lake Acorn. The back dining room can seat 60 and has a panoramic view of the cove side of the lake. Three Southern-style buffets are featured seven days a week. Catering for the Conference Center is provided.

### Camping

The park provides 121 campsites available first-come first-serve. Most sites have complete hookups including electric and water plus grills and picnic tables. Three bathhouses with restroom facilities serve the campground. A centralized dump station is located near the entrance of the campground.

### Group Camp

Opened from spring through fall on a reservation only basis, the group camp has 34 individual rustic cabins that sleep up to 120 people and a large dining hall with a full service kitchen.

### Golf Course

In previous years, *Golf Digest* has recognized this course as one of the "Top 100 Public Courses to Play". This 18 hole, par 72 course has a driving range, practice green, and snack bar. Pull carts and clubs are available for rent. Call (615) 797-2578 to contact the pro shop for tee times.

### Fishing

Lake Acorn, Lake Woodhaven and Creech Hollow Lake are open year round for fishing. Bream, catfish, crappie and bass are common. A Tennessee Fishing License is required.

### Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

Over 125 picnic tables and grills are located throughout the the park. Four covered picnic pavilions are also available. Pavilions require reservations and can be reserved up to 12 months in advance. Restrooms, drinking fountains and playgrounds are located near the shelters. A lighted tennis court, basketball, croquet, shuffleboard, volleyball court and ball field are also located on the park.

### Boating

Boating is allowed on all three lakes at Montgomery Bell State Park. A boat ramp is available on Lake Acorn and Lake Woodhaven. No outboard motors are allowed on boats at any time on any of the lakes. Lake Acorn has summer boat rentals of paddleboats, canoes and fishing boats.

### Hiking

The Park offers approximately 20 miles of hiking trails. Trail lengths range from short 1/8-mile nature trails up to the overnight trail that is over 10 miles long. All trails are opened year round. Hiking trails are limited to foot traffic only. Overnight backpackers must register with the park office.

### Planned Programs

A variety of natural, historical and cultural programs for all age groups are conducted throughout the year. Nature hikes, canoe floats, wildlife programs, historical talks, wild-flower walks are just a few of the activities that program services provide the park visitor. Special programs can be arranged for school, church or other organized groups.

